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SENATOR ANDERSON: I'll make my motion to advance the bill and close very briefly. I think that Senator Cavanaugh has taken some rather uncalled for liberties in saying I'm accusing anyone of being a cheat or a chissler. I think that instead what we're talking about is trying to do something to straighten out what has become an administrative tangle and, perhaps to some assessors, an administrative nightmare. I don't propose that this is 100 percent ideal solution, but I do propose that this is a solution that allows us to get a little bit closer to having some balance to the procedure. The assessors are not finding out about some of these changes in eligibility, not because anybody intends to withhold information from them, not because anybody is willfully violating the law. They're not finding out simply because the law is complicated. It's difficult to understand. By providing some kind of a verification notice procedure we give these people an opportunity to understand exactly where they're at. I have to recognize that it does impose an additional paperwork burden on people. I don't think that it's an excessive burden. We're only asking them to take a form that would probably would be nothing more than a postcard to check if they're still living in the home, this kind of thing, get this information back to the assessor. I think this is reasonable. I again make my motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to this bill. The way things look this afternoon this motion by Senator Barnett . . . Senator Anderson is going to be strike one. If you try to move a bill three times on General File and can't it's automatically dead. I don't gamble, Senator Anderson, but I bet you a nickel it doesn't move. That's strike one.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh. I suppose you could close argument by way of accepting the bet, Senator Anderson. You waive closing argument Senator Anderson?

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, I thought I was closing before . . .

PRESIDENT: No. I know you said that but that was on the motion to move. The other were on various amendments.

SENATOR ANDERSON: I think I have closed. I think I've characterized the problem. I have no further closing.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Fine. The question is the advancement of 455. Record your vote. Have you voted? Please vote.

SENATOR ANDERSON: How many of these 20 remaining are excused or absent?

CLERK: 12. There are some that asked to be excused until they return. We never know. We never have an accurate count then.